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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of October 28, 2002, amendment to the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested. Replacement claims are presented below and marked-up claims are presented on separate sheets at the end of the amendment.

In the Claims

Please substitute the following amended claims for those currently pending:

15. (Amended) A polishing composition comprising a dispersion of particles, the particles comprising metal compounds or silicon compounds with an average particle diameter from about 5 nm to about 50 nm, wherein less than about 1 particle in 10⁶ has a diameter greater than about five times the average diameter.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-15 and 23-25 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 15 has been amended. The amendment to claim 15 is supported by the specification, for example,